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SUBJECT: CANADIAN AGENDA ITEMS FOR SECRETARY'S PROPOSED
VISIT TO OTTAWA

1. DURING THE COURSE OF AN INFORMAL-LUNCHEON MEETING
MARCH 4 WITH EMBASSY POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC COUNSELORS,
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF EXTAFF BUREAU OF WESTERN HEMIS-
PHERE AFFAIRS, JIM NUTT AND DIRECTOR USA OFFICE, KEITH
MACLELLAN DISCUSSED POSSIBLE CANADIAN AGENDA ITEMS FOR
PROPOSED VISIT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER TO OTTAWA. THEY
SAID CANADIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE INSTRUCTED IN NEXT
FEW DAYS TO DISCUSS SUBSTANCE OF VISIT WITH DEPARTMENT.

2. BOTH OFFICIALS UNDERSTOOD THAT VISIT WAS STILL
TENTATIVE AND ITS TIMING WOULD DEPEND ON DEVELOPMENTS
IN OTHER PARTS OF WORLD IN WHICH SECRETARY IS PRESENTLY
INVOLVED. THEY SAID CANADIAN EMBASSY HAS ALREADY IN-
FORMED DEPARTMENT OF DATES IN MARCH WHEN EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS MINISTER SHARP WOULD NOT BE IN OTTAWA.

3. AMONG ITMES WHICH CANADIANS MIGHT RAISE ARE:

A. INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION-TYPE

"MATTERS"--NUTT THOUGHT CANADIANS WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS
OIL SPILL PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY THOSE POSED BY FUTURE
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TANKER TRAFFIC IN PUGET SOUND AREA, AND OBJECTIONS TO PLAN

TO RAISE ROSS DAM IN STATE OF WASHINGTON.

B. ECONOMIC--NUTT SAID ENERGY AND U.S. THOUGHTS ON AUTO PACT WOULD BE HIGH ON LIST OF TOPICS. PROPOSED SALE OF CANADIAN-BUILT LOCOMOTIVES TO CUBA WOULD BE INEVITABLE TOPIC IF ISSUE NOT RESOVLED BEFORE SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL.

C. DEFENSE--MACLELLAN SAID FUTURE OF NORAD WAS PROBABLY MOST IMPORTANT ITEM (NORAD WAS EXTENDED FOR TWO YEARS IN 1973.)

4. THE TWO EXTAFF OFFICIALS DID NOT ELABORATE ON ANY OF THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEMS, EXPLAINING THAT THEIR THINKING HAD NOT GONE BEYOND SETTING OUT GENERAL AREAS FOR DISCUSSION. (SEE OTTAWA 0561 - FEDERAL OFFICIALS, INCLUDING NUTT, DISCUSSED A PROPOSED OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN IN DETAIL WITH BRITISH COLUMBIAN PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS IN VICTORIA LAST WEEK IN FEBRUARY WITH PRESENTATION TO THE SECRETARY IN MIND.)

5. THEY SAID EXTAFF OBVIOUSLY WOULD LIKE TO BE ADVISED AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE IF AND WHEN VISIT WILL BE MADE AND ITS DURATION, I.E. ONE DAY OR TWO?
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